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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 18, 1998

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980017

To implement extended local service  
from its Crozet exchange to the  
Greenwood exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On February 27, 1998, the Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 56-484.2. Centel proposed to notify its Crozet exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Greenwood exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia's ("Bell Atlantic") Greenwood exchange petitioned the Commission for local calling to Crozet. Using a cost study prepared by Bell Atlantic, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Greenwood local service area to include Crozet. The subscribers in that exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for

local calling to Crozet. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Crozet to the Greenwood exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate, a poll of Crozet subscribers is not required by Virginia Code § 56-484.2.

NOW, having considered Centel's application, Centel's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that Centel should give notice of this application to its customers in the Crozet exchange; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980017.

(2) On or before May 18, 1998, Centel customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for

hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC980017.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before April 17, 1998, Centel shall publish the following notice in the Crozet exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange:

NOTICE THAT CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF  
VIRGINIA PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE  
AREA OF THE CROZET EXCHANGE TO THE  
GREENWOOD EXCHANGE - CASE NO. PUC980017

Telephone subscribers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia's ("Bell Atlantic") Greenwood exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Crozet exchange. Subscribers in the Greenwood exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Crozet exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Greenwood exchange support this expansion of local service.

Based on Centel's costs, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Crozet customers to call the Greenwood exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 456). For expanded local calling to Greenwood from Crozet, monthly

rates would increase as follows: flat rate single-party residential service, \$0.63; flat rate two-party residential service, \$0.54; flat rate four-party residential service, \$0.57; residential Optional Local Calling Plan service, \$0.49; flat rate single-party business service, \$1.27; flat rate two-party business service, \$1.10; flat rate four-party business service, \$1.17; flat rate key, data, or Centrex key trunk, \$1.95; flat rate PBX or Centrex PBX trunk, \$2.61; and customer-owned coin or semi-public coin service, \$1.27.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Centel's Business Office. Copies of the Company's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980017, with the Clerk of the Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before May 18, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent or 150 of the Crozet customers, it may consider Centel's application without a hearing.

#### CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

(5) On or before May 18, 1998, Centel shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent or 150 of the Crozet

exchange customers, it may consider Centel's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before May 29, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on any comments received.